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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, SEATO, AS

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO GVN TO ATTEND SEATO COUNCIL

MEETING IN NEW YORK SEPT 27

REF: A) BANGKOK 9434(NOTAL)

B) CANBERRA 4975

1. PARA 9 OF REF A RECOMMENDS THAT DEPT SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT GVN SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND FORTHCOMING SEATO COUNCIL MEETING OR DESIGNATE OBSERVER.

2. MUCH AS I APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINING MORALE AND INTERESTS OF GVN, I DRAW DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO REF B, AN ACCOUNT OF MY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM ON SEPT 10, 1973, AT WHICH ISSUE OF GVN ATTENDANCE OF SEATO COUNCIL MEETING CAME UP. WHITLAM SPOKE WITH GREAT EARNESTNESS AND CARE ON THAT OCCASION, AND IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THAT HIS OBJECTIONS TO GVN ATTENDANCE IN ANY CAPACITY WERE FUNDAMENTAL AND CONTINUING IN CONFIDENTIAL

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NATURE. THIS WOULD BE EVEN TRUER TODAY, WITH THE RECENT ELEC-

TION OF DR. J.F. CAIRNS, A LONG -TIME OUTSPOKEN FORE OF  
SEATO, AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.

3. I RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT RPT NOT INVITE GVN TO SEND  
OBSERVER TO SEATO COUNCIL MEETING. GOA IS CERTAIN TO  
OPPOSE INVITATION AND, WITH OTHER PROBLEMS WE HAVE WITH  
AUSTRALIA, ISSUE IS SIMPLY NOT WORTH FRICTION IT WILL  
INEVITABLY CREATE.  
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